

M'CONE NAMED CIA DIRECTOR BY KENNEDY TO SUCCEED DULLES

**Republican Ex-Head of
AEC Replacing Intel-
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Incidents.**

NEWPORT, R.I., Sept. 27 (UPI) — President Kennedy announced today that Allen W. Dulles will step down next month after eight years as chief of the Central Intelligence Agency. He picked John A. McCone, Republican veteran of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense to replace Dulles.

Mr. Kennedy praised Dulles for "courageous and selfless" public service. Dulles in turn called McCone, the last AEC chairman in the Eisenhower Administration, "the ideal choice" to head this nation's supersecret intelligence operations.

In the final two years of his direction of security operations, Dulles had come under criticism for two incidents: The CIA's role in the ill-fated Cuban landings of last April and the U-2 incident before the abortive summit conference of 1960.

Mr. Kennedy interrupted a seaside vacation just started at Newport and summoned Dulles and McCone to private talks followed by his public personal announcement of the change-over.

Going to CIA in 2 Weeks.

The President said McCone will move into the CIA in about two weeks and work alongside Dulles until November when Dulles, who is 67 years old, retires.

McCone, 59, served the Truman Administration as Under Secretary of the Air Force and during the final three years of the Eisenhower Administration was chairman of the AEC. He resigned the latter post when Mr. Kennedy took office.

Despite criticism toward the end of Dulles's directorship, Mr. Kennedy told an audience of aids

New, Retiring Heads of CIA



PRESIDENT KENNEDY riding in automobile with ALLEN DULLES (center) and JOHN A. McCONE (right) in Newport, R.I., today after announcement that McCone will succeed Dulles as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. —UPI Telephoto.

and reporters, "I know of no man who is a more courageous and selfless public servant than Allen Dulles." Dulles, brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, has served this country in intelligence work since World War II when he was enlisted in the Office of Strategic Services.

The outgoing CIA director, the President said, had agreed to serve as a consultant on intelligence matters for the White House by his old friend, Maj. Gen. William S. (Wild Bill) Donovan. McCone, in the past active in Republican politics, was chairman of the AEC from 1958 to January 1961.

Remarks by Dulles.

Dulles said there was "no better time to turn from this job to others," but he offered no additional details.

His brief remarks following Mr. Kennedy's statement consisted largely of expressions of gratitude for the opportunity to serve under Mr. Kennedy, plus his pleasure at being succeeded by McCone.

"In these troubled times," Dulles said, "the importance of intelligence is emphasized as essential to policy."

Dulles and McCone flew together by plane from Washington to the Quonset Naval Air Station this morning, then traveled by helicopter to Hammar-smith Farm, where they met with the President for an hour before the announcement was made.